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Please join us online or in person this weekend as we continue our sermon series "Undefeated." We hope to see you soon.

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## **First Bike** Rodeo

### **Promises Family Fun**

WC Kids' first ever Bike Rodeo is being hosted to bring our families outside for an afternoon of fellowship and fun. This new family event is planned for Saturday **April 20, in the Walton Chapel parking** lot from 2 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$5 per

"Bike riding is a great family activity and hobby that can be enjoyed across all ages," said Erin Zajac, event coordinator. "While the event is generally planned to engage with families of kids from preschool through elementary grades, this has become a 'whole family' event that older and younger siblings are always allowed and encouraged to attend."

#### We think it will be a great event for families, and we are especially excited for the BMX stunt show!

All participants should bring something to ride; it can be a bike, trike, bike with training wheels, or other ride on toy for younger preschool and toddler ages. Scooters are also allowed. All riders must have a helmet on while riding at the event. No electric/motorized bikes or toy vehicles will be allowed.

The Bike Rodeo will have two main features: the Bike Rodeo Course, open from 2 to 3:30 p.m., and a BMX Stunt Show focusing on bike safety from 3:30 to 4 p.m. The Bike Rodeo Course will consist of two obstacle courses; a smaller course for the younger or lessexperienced riders with smaller and easier to maneuver obstacles, and a larger course that is designed for riders with more confidence. Each course will have a tunnel for riders to go under, cones to weave around, and small ramps to roll over, plus other obstacles that are appropriate for each course level.

In addition to the obstacle courses, there will be a bike path for riders to take a ride with other participants or

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### WC STUDENTS TAKEOVER

About 230 people showed up to support our young leaders as they 'took over' the 5:30 p.m. service last Saturday night. It was the first time students ran tech, led worship, preached, and offered communion during a weekend service. It was inspiring!



### **Families** Gone Fishin'

he Fishing with Dad event community, weather permitting. is returning this spring! Family members, fathers and grandfathers are encouraged to bring their kids to the White's Chapel Pond on Saturday, April 20 to fish. From 10 a.m. to noon, families will be able to fish at the pond and learn about 'the great outdoors' with the help of a few Game Warden friends.

This event has been offered over the last few years and typically elicits a good response from the

Leaders expect many to be in attendance this year as warmer, brighter days are forecasted.

Online registration is strongly encouraged, but the cost is free. Leaders will have extra fishing poles and bait for people to use if they need equipment.

For more information, please contact Rev. Jon Reeves at jreeves@whiteschapel.org.

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**April 18 & 19** 

# The Sun is Out... And Annie is here!

"The sun'll come out tomorrow, bet your bottom dollar that tomorrow there'll be sun..."

o ahead, you know you have the words (and the tune) in your head and it is already stuck there. What better song to hum after a week with a solar eclipse?

White's Chapel's Theater 1 will present "Annie Kids" on Thursday and Friday, April 18 and 19 in The Foundry, and if you have never attended a theater production at White's Chapel, this is a great opportunity to change that.

"Annie Kids" is a musical licensed by Music Theatre International's Broadway Junior collection, specially edited to be performed by children in a shortened form. It is derived from the original Broadway play and includes many of the same musical numbers familiar to the play and movie.

The story is set in 1933 New York City, where 11-year-old Annie sleeps in an orphanage with many other girls her age. Annie is a happy and cheerful child who comforts the other children while dreaming of meeting her parents. She holds on to the hope that they will come back for her. Annie decides to escape to find her parents, but is caught by Miss Hannigan, the cruel keeper of the orphanage. Annie escapes temporarily, running into a friendly stray dog.

Back at the orphanage, Grace Farrell, the assistant to the billionaire Oliver Warbucks, comes to the orphanage,

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### **God in Control**

By Dr. John McKellar

ast week I got to take a wonderful post-Easter trip to Charleston, South Carolina. That is a soul place for me; I love the history and the architecture, the food and the people. But I also love getting to be by the ocean. The ocean is a place that always speaks to my soul. For some, it is the mountains. For me, it has always been the water.

Just arriving, after all the business and pressure of Holy Week, I found myself throttling back. My guard came down. My schedule stopped. My constantly racing mind slowed down.

I was reminded of the lyrics in an old Jimmy Buffet ballad:

"That's when it always happens Same time every year I come down to talk to me When the coast is clear."

Our second day of golf got rained out. Not just a little rain. There was a huge storm, with moments of 50 mile per hour wind. The ocean was dark and swirling with warnings for boaters to stay off. I kept watching the sea and was reminded of the vastness of God and the depths of His love for all of us. Whenever I watched the relentless waves and unknown depths of the sea, I was reminded that we should never hold onto any illusion of control. There is so much above us and beyond us that we can never really grasp. I thought about God's words from Job 38 of the Old Testament.

"Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation?

Tell me, if you understand.

Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know!

Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone —

while the morning stars sang together and all the angels[a] shouted for joy?

Who shut up the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb,

when I fixed limits for it and set its doors and bars in place.

when I said, 'This far you may come and no farther; here is where your proud waves halt?

Have you ever given orders to the morning, or shown the dawn its place,

Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea or walked in the recesses of the deep?

Have you comprehended the vast expanses of the earth? Tell me, if you know all this.

Who cuts a channel for the torrents of rain, and a path for the thunderstorm,

to satisfy a desolate wasteland and make it sprout with grass?

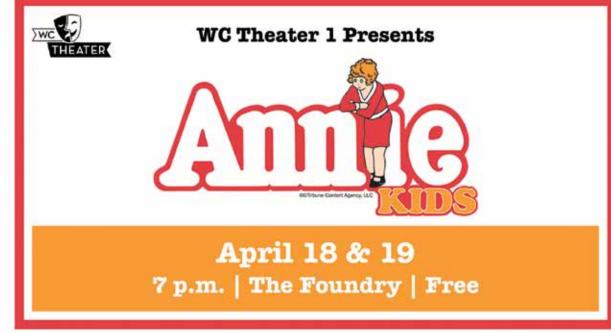
Can you raise your voice to the clouds and cover yourself with a flood of water?

Do you send the lightning bolts on their way? Do they report to you, 'Here we are'?

Who has the wisdom to count the clouds? Who can tip over the water jars of the heavens..."

The ocean reminds me of who is really in control, who is truly worthy of our worship, and of the one who can be trusted. The ocean humbles me before the Creator. I need regular trips to the ocean. Not to improve my tan or work on my golf game, but for humility and healing. I think we all need that reminder on a regular basis.

Pastor Todd and I want to thank you for an amazing Lenten season that culminated with our Easter worship. Truly we felt focused on the Lord's blessings... and when we count ours, the privilege of serving as your pastors is at the top of our list!



### Annie

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asking for an orphan to spend Christmas at his mansion. Seeing how poorly Miss Hannigan treats Annie, Grace insists on taking her.

"Doing a classic like Annie is so exciting!" said Music Director Julie Blalock. "People have a lot of expectations when it comes to iconic characters like Ms. Hannigan or Mr. Warbucks. It is fun to put our own spin on these characters while keeping the original personalities in mind."

Blalock is assisted by Eleni Brooke, as well as Ann-Marie Heilman in choreography. The play's crew is Libby Dodson, Cade Lewis, Emily Petersilge, and Sam Thompson.

Tech will be handled by the WC Productions staff, and lighting is being designed by WC Productions newcomer Weston Sambrano. Numerous parents have generously volunteered during rehearsals to help us manage kids during breakout sessions.

One new element to this production is the use of a live animal. "The character 'Sandy' is a small, non-speaking role, so we decided to use a real dog," said Blalock. "Rehearsing with the dog has been challenging, but I'm confident she will bring a whole new level of fun to the performances!"

WC Kids Administrative Assistant Erin Schechter volunteered her dog, Delilah, to play the role.

"Delilah is so grateful for this opportunity," laughed Schechter. "She loves attention and is really enjoying all the extra treats!"

The cast includes Lilly Alsop, Christian Appleby, Annabelle Balson, Aliza Banks-Kircher, Kaci Bear, Eden Brannon, Gracie Brannon, Rocco Brunelle, Bailey Callaway, Brynn Cordrey, Jeana Douglas, Martin Flight, Waverly Frederick, Ben Hedman, Phoenix Heilman, Harper Hondzinski, Truman Hopkins, Blair Horsley, Ava Hrycushko, Ayda Jayes, Braylon Kennedy, Jacob Lee, Acadia Lester, Nate Lester, Asher Lewis, Katherine McLaughlin, Hailey McMaster, Allie Mendrygal, Paige Mitchell, Matea Molina, Channing Morgan, Ellie Mulligan, Brisbane Myers, Lauren Oporto, Aria Parish, Amulya Raghupatruni, Evelyn Sinclair, Catherine Schad, Anika Shah, Poppy Thompson, Emmitt Waterstreet, Brooklyn Weir, and Emma Young.

With classic tunes "Tomorrow,"
"Maybe" and "It's a Hard Knocks
Life," the play is truly a treat for the
audience. The show begins at 7 p.m.
both evenings. The cost is free to attend.
Come as you are but remember: You're
never fully dressed without a smile!



church.

To sign up for Fishing with Dad, please scan the QR code or visit whiteschapel.org.





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4. It will teach patience (while waiting for a fish to

5. It will provide quality time with your loved ones and

a sense of community with other families at the

# WC CARE & SUPPORT



#### **Surviving Grief** Wednesdays, April 17 - May 22 5:30 - 7 p.m.

#### **Center for Spiritual Care Living Room**

The days and weeks immediately after the death loss of a loved one can be some of the hardest days for you to survive. It is a moment-by-moment, stepby-step undertaking to move through the initial experience spiritually, physically, emotionally, and mentally. Surviving Grief is a six-week study led by Rev. Kyle Roberson that companions you through surviving the first weeks and months after the death of someone you love. We will follow Dr. Alan D. Wolfelt's book, "You're Not Crazy - You're Grieving: 6 Steps for Surviving Loss" as we walk through these early days together. You may purchase a copy of this book at WC's Circuit Writers Books & Such bookstore. Please register online. Rev. Kyle Roberson kroberson@whiteschapel.org

#### **GriefShare Support Group Tuesdays,** June 25 - Sept. 10 | 10:30 - Noon **Center for Spiritual Care Living Room**

The death of a loved one changes everything and often leaves us feeling confused, paralyzed, and hopeless, wondering how we can ever move forward. Join Care & Support Pastor Kyle Roberson and your fellow group members for this 13-week Christcentered study and support group, GriefShare.

Meetings consist of video seminars featuring experts and others who are also experiencing grief, confidential discussion as a support group, and personal study and reflection. By offering GriefShare, White's Chapel seeks to provide a safe space to receive practical advice and explore Biblical principles that can offer hope and healing.

All are welcome as we meet in the Center for Spiritual Care living room on the WC campus. Each participant must have a workbook. The cost of a workbook is \$20 and should be purchased online when you register at GriefShare and shipped directly to your address. Following the confirmation of your registration, you will receive an

email from GriefShare providing a link to our videos and any additional group information. To register, visit https://bit. ly/4a9VF5q.

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"Understanding Dementia: What You **Need to Know about Brain Aging and Maximizing Cognitive Fitness through Good Habits**"

#### Tuesdays, April 16, 23 and 30 1 – 2 p.m. | AE Room 3103

Church leaders are pleased to again welcome Jaime Cobb Tinsley, CA Ed, VP of Dementia and Caregiver Education at James L. West Center for Dementia Care as she presents a three-part series on Understanding Dementia.

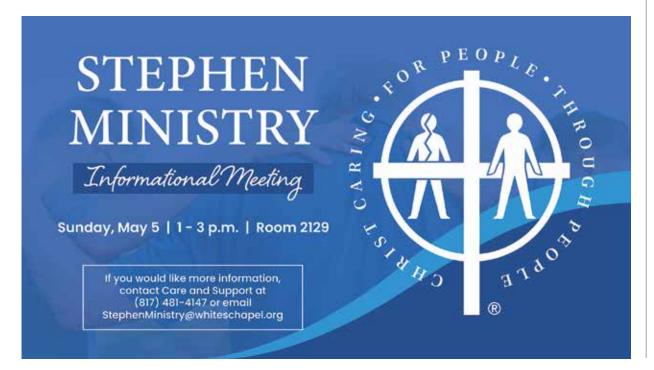
- April 16: Normal vs. Not normal Aging & Understanding Alzheimer's disease and Dementia.
- April 23: Health Brain Aging: Exercise, Sleep and Diet
- April 30: Healthy Brain Aging: Stress, Socialization, Cognitive Fitness

Join this free class; you may attend one or all classes. Please register online. Alynne Rivers, RN - WC Wellness Director arivers@whiteschapel.org

#### **Stephen Ministry Informational Meeting** May 1 | 1-3 p.m. **Center for Spiritual Care**

On Sunday, May 1, Stephen Ministry will host an information overview for those interested in learning more about the program. Join us from 1 - 3 p.m. in the Center for Spiritual Care and meet the leadership team. The overview will include topics covered during training, flow of the training class, required commitment following training, commissioning of Stephen Ministers, and an explanation of on-going supervision and support. The session is strictly informational. Attendance does not imply that one is necessarily interested in joining the training class.

If you would like more information on Stephen Ministry, or would like to discuss having the services of a Stephen Minister, contact Care and Support at StephenMinistry@whiteschapel.org or call Liz Foster at (817) 403-4446.





**Our April WC Kids** 

offering/mission

is a Helmet Drive

in need.

### Bike Rodeo

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with their family and is planned to be a safe place to cruise. All riders will have an opportunity to take their specific ride-on through the wash station, using spray bottles and sponges to clean up their ride. All registered participants will receive a license plate to customize and attach to their bike, or ride-on, and a set of spoke beads to give the wheels a little sound and color.

At 3:30 p.m., all participants are invited to gather in the East Parking Lot to watch the BMX Stunt Show. The BMX athletes

will perform "high flying action" stunts and tricks. The show will last approximately 30 minutes and will incorporate bike safety.

"We are all really to donate to kids excited about this because it is new and different," said Zajac. "We think it will be a great event for families, and we are especially excited for the BMX stunt show!

"I have heard of Bike Rodeos, but I have never attended one. The idea was mentioned in a WC Kids department meeting, and we all loved the idea. We weren't exactly sure what it would look like, but thought it would be fun, as well as a new activity for our program."

Zajac has been working at White's Chapel since May of 2021, and attended White's Chapel in High School. She returned with her own family and kids in

"Families are very busy these days," said Zajac. "I am always looking for new and exciting opportunities to engage families, and to bring new families to our campus. For a family looking for their church home, I hope an event like the Bike Rodeo gives them an opportunity to check us out, bring the kids to a fun event to get them excited about the church and coming back on a Sunday morning."

"Sunday mornings are always so busy as a parent getting kids dropped off for Sunday School and then in to church or adult Sunday school," she said. "Families may see each other coming and going

but they don't always have the time to socialize with each other. I feel like it is so important to build friendships and community with other church families. As a parent with three children, I want my kids to build connections with their peers from Sunday School. Having family events allows time for families and kids to see each other in a more social capacity, where the kids can play and get to know each other more, and parents can make connections with other parents they may see in the hallways on Sundays."

Zajac has arranged for MAD Duck Cyclery from Grapevine to be on site, providing bike and helmet safety checks

> for participants. Southlake Police and Fire Department representatives will also be on campus as their schedule allows to interact with families and help with safety.

> Families should preregister so they can complete the waiver to participate and to help ensure that materials/

supplies can be purchased and prepared accordingly. Registered participants will receive a goody bag at the check-in table at the event. Participants can register on the WC Kids website.

Volunteers and helpers are also welcome.

"We would absolutely love to have volunteers to station throughout our obstacle courses, bike path, and bike wash station to help keep riders safe, monitored, and to be available to help riders maneuver the obstacle courses if needed," said Zajac. "middle and high school students looking to volunteer for community service hours are welcome! Adults are also welcome to volunteer. Anyone interested in volunteering is welcome to contact me."

In conjunction with the Bike Rodeo, our April WC Kids offering/mission is a helmet drive to donate to kids in need. Leaders will be collecting new, unused helmets during the Bike Rodeo as well.

In the event of rain or inclement weather, a rainout date is scheduled for Saturday, April 27.

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# **COMMUNITY** CONNECTIONS

Classic Adult Fellowship April **Luncheon: Info on Container Gardening** with the Grapevine Garden Club Friday, April 26 | 10: 45 a.m. Check-In | 11 a.m.

Join Classic Adult Fellowship for their monthly luncheon. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. and the luncheon begins at 11 a.m. Enjoy great food, meaningful fellowship and special entertainment each month. Contact Laurie Williams to reserve your spot (this helps us prepare enough food and offer enough seating for those in attendance). See you there! Laurie Williams | Iwilliams@whiteschapel.org



#### WC Theater 2 -"The Sound of Music: Youth Edition" May 2 & 3 | 7 p.m. The Foundry | Free

Join us for this timeless story and the dazzling score. The final collaboration between Rodgers & Hammerstein was destined to become the world's most beloved musical. Featuring a trove of cherished songs, including "Climb Ev'ry Mountain," "My Favorite Things," "Do-Re-Mi," "Sixteen Going on Seventeen" and the title number, "The Sound of Music" won the hearts of audiences worldwide, earning five Tony Awards and five

Oscars. The inspirational story, based on the memoir of Maria Augusta Trapp, follows an ebullient postulate who serves as governess to the seven children of the imperious Captain von Trapp, bringing music and joy to the household. But as the forces of Nazism take hold of Austria, Maria and the entire von Trapp family must make a moral decision.

#### WC Men's 2024 Mission Trip October 16, 17-20 | San Antonio

WC Men are working with Blueprint Ministries in San Antonio, Texas again this fall to share the love of Jesus Christ. All men, 18 and older, are welcome on this trip. We also welcome male high school seniors who want to serve alongside their father! No experience is necessary, just a willing heart. This is a terrific opportunity to serve Christ and meet other men from the church. The three-day cost is \$285, and the two-day cost is \$245. Registration is required to participate. For more details, please visit mensmissiontrip.com.

Rev. Jon Reeves | jreeves@whiteschapel.org

#### Labyrinth Walk Wednesday, May 1 | 9 a.m.

A labyrinth is an ancient symbol that relates to wholeness. It combines the imagery of the circle and spiral into a meandering but purposeful path Join Rev. Victor Resendiz as he leads participants through the prayer walk. The labyrinth is located next to the Center for Spiritual Care. Whether you are familiar with this unique spiritual practice or not, you are invited to experience this sacred space. All are welcome; register online.





Wilson, The Family of Gracie.

# **Prayer List**

Malta Akins, Jack Bair, Marcy Barkemyer, Carol Barret, Jerry Barron, Darla Beggs, Hadley Bloch, Sue Bossow, Terri Broom, Ryan Burns, Bobbie Cameron, Becky Cartmill, Connie Center, Freddie Charles, Ken Cole, Becca Roper Collins, Walker Conroy, Aurelio Costa, Luisa Costa, John Couch, Brandon Crabb, Debbie Dreyfus, Nick Durbin, Wilma Dykman, Dennis Eaton, Dave Ebbert, Bessie Escondo, Linda Evans, Ralph Evans, Mark Fidler, Will Fogle, Jennifer Foley, Marcia Forney, Doug Fox, Don Gardner, Tim Gauntt, Carolyn Gillum, Kayla Greenlee-Hayes, Kate Greinert, Curtis Griffith, Sharon Griffith, Chris Gruenewald, Ellen Hartenbower, Maxie Hays, John Herring, Joyce Hood, Elaine Hoover, Lou Iszak, Michelle James, Diane Khalar, Cooper Kohan, Barb Koscick, Eric Larson, Mitch Launius, Taylor Lynde, Kerri McLeod, Lynn Meredith, Bert Miller, Barb Mindis, Don Moilan, Thomas W. Morris, Terri Nelsen, Debra Nesbitt, Andrew Patterson, Kathy Peck, Rick Peterson, Barbara Pico, Carroll and Allen Piel, Kathy Pierce, Maureen Punko, Jim and Mary Renner, Kristin Robertson, Megan Robison and Brayden Steele, Johnnie Ruth Rogillio, Jimmy Rollo, Barbara Ruggles, Jeri Russell, The Saoit Family, Bruce Schollmeyer, Lee Schwemer, Lila Schwemer, Louise Sherrick, Craig Sikes, Linda Sikes, Paul Sikes, Bruce Slocum, Cheryl Stiefel, Orville Summey, Steve Swanston, Cleta Szoke, John Takacs, Jim Takemoto, Myra Taunton, Carolyn Thompson, Donna Thompson, Robert Thompson, Shane Thompson, Bill Thornton, Debbie Warren, Michael Wenger, Joan Wiersum, Dick Williams, Helen Wilson, Leigh Winzeler, Melinda Witt, Ginny Young, Ann Zink, Tracy Zmolik. Recent deaths: The Family of Rocco Abessinio. The Family of Mark Ball, Jessica Calderon and Family, The Family of Ken Easton, The Family of Sheila Geer, The Family of Ruby Grissett, The Family of

You may submit prayer requests at whiteschapel.org/prayer-request.html or or use the QR code.

Bill Levengood, The Family of Troy Maxwell, The Family of Elizabeth

Middleton, The Family of Merrill Ottwein, The Family of Beatrice Scally, The Family of Sam Terry, The Family of Lance Venable, The Family of Ida

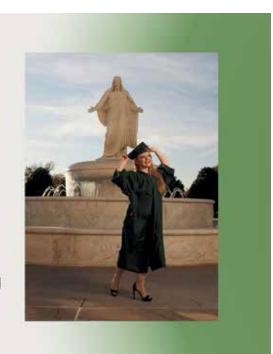


# Senior Sunday

Service: May 5 Photos Due: April 15

wcseniorphotos@gmail.com

Please include student's full name in email.





REGISTER ONLINE AT WCKIDS.ORG BEGINNING MARCH

Questions? Denise Bennett J, dbennett@whiteschapel.org



Classic Adult Fellowship will host its third year of VBS for senior adults, and they need lots of volunteers to help! June 18 - 19 | 8:30 a.m. - Noon

(June 17 reserved for set up and decorating)

Volunteering or leading a group is a great way to participate in the excitement of VBS while helping the group! They are expecting close to 200 participants this year, if not more. If you would like to sign up to volunteer, please scan the provided QR code.





